(c) whether Government are allowing imports of these items to augment the domestic supply; and

(d) if so, what is the total quantity of these items allowed for import during the last three years'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The production of Tetracycline, Vitamin B' & B^2 in the country during the last three years is given below. Data in respect of consumption is not available.

(Unit: Tonnes)

Year	*Tetracycline*	*Vit. B'*	*Vit.B^2*
97-98	5.58	N.A.	36.22
98-99	37.89	N.A.	41.29
99-2000	59.38	6.42	26.84

(b) There is a shortfall in the country.

(c) and (d)The government is allowing imports of Tetracycline, Vitamin B^1 & B^2. Imports of these drugs during the last three years, to the extent information is available, is given below:

(Unit Tonnes)

Year	*Tetracycline*	*Vit. B'*	*Vit. B^2*
96-97	109.24	80.43	63.04
97-98	337.08	179.19	55.15
98-99	225.10	95.32	5082

N.A.: Not Applicable.

Closure of IDPL, Rishikesh

†5036. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL Virbhadra, Rishikesh, Uttar Pradesh, is closed for the last many years;

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(b) the number of officers and employees who have accepted voluntary retirement due to imminent crisis of closure; and

(c) the total number of officers and employees still working in the undertaking and whether any permanent arrangement has been made lo pay them salary in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Operations of IDPL-Rishikesh were stopped in October, 1996. However, Limited production of formulations is being done from July, 1998.

(b) 119 officers, 156 supervisors and 538 workers were relieved under Voluntary Retirement Scheme upto 31.3.97 in IDPL-Rishikesh Plant.

(c) 296 officers, 806 supervisors and 1585 workers are wofking in IDPL-Rishikesh Plant as on 31.3.2000. Funds are being released by Government to IDPL from time to time for payment of salaries to all employees.

Losses of IDPL factories

†5037. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the factories of IDPL in the country have either closed or are at the verge of closure;

(b) the total loss of these factories so far and the loss in the years 1999 and 2000, separately;

(c) the amount being paid to the employees under their salary head in each year as in the form of loss; and

(d) the main reasons for losses and what are the measures to get out of the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The operations of IDPL are closed except for marginal production in some of the units.

(b) Accumulated loss of IDPL as on 31.3.2000 is Rs. 1330.54 crores. Losses during the years 1998-99 and 1999- 2000 were Rs. 193.88 crores and Rs. 209.29 crores (provisional) respectively.

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